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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT MEETING WITH THE EC COMM-

SSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE AND THE AUSTRALIAN MISS-

ION MINISTER COUNSELOR. THE COMMISSION APPARENTLY IS WILLING TO ATTEND

THE MEETING BUT HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED IT IN DETAIL. THE EC OFFICIAL PERSONALLY FELT THE COMMISSION COULD REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY AT THE MEETING BECAUSE IT WOULD ONLY BE EXPLANATORY IN NATURE AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAD NO PREFERENCE AND NO SUGGESTION FOR A C CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER THE REPRESENTATION ISSUE HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. THE AUSTRALIAN FOOCIAL ALSO SAW THE MEETING AS EXPLORATORY AND THOUGHT IT SHOULD EXAMINE THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL BEEF ARRANGEMENT. NEITHER OBJECTED TO SCHEDULING THE MEETING FOR LATE 9CTOBER. END SUMMARY.

2. WE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT MEETING WITH THE EC COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE FRANKLIN, AND WITH MINISTER COUNSELOR DONOVAN OF THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO THE EC.

3. PRACTICALLY ALL EC OFFICIALS ARE ABSENT ON VACATION AND FRANKLIN WAS THE ONLY ONE WE COULD FIND WITH WHOM TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT MEETING. HIS COMMENTS APPEARED MORE TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW THAN ANY COMMISSION CONSENSUS. HE MENTIONED NO PROBLEM ABOUT COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A MEETING.

4. FRANKLIN THOUGHT THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THE MEMBER STATES THAT IT ALONE COULD REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY SINCE THE MEETING WOULD BE EXPLORATORY IN NATURE AND THAT, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION WOULD NOT REQUIRE ANY SORT OF MANDATE. BUT IT WAS CLEAR FROM HIS REMARKS THAT THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

5. FRANKLING COULD NOT COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OTHER THAN TO SAY IT SHOULD AIM AT AN EXAMINATION OF THE SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE EXPLORATORY IN NATURE.

6. HE INDICATED NO PREFERENCE FOR SITE BUT ASKED IF WE COULD EXPLAIN THE AUSTRALIAN OBJECTIONS TO GENEVA. WE SAID WE THOUGHT THAT AUSTRALIAN DID NOT WANT TO IDENTIFY THE MEETING WITH GATT. FRANKLIN SAID HE DID NOT PERSONALLY OBJECT TO BRUSSELS AS A SITE, BUT HE COULD NOT YET SPEAK FOR THE COMMISSION ON THIS POINT.
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7. HE HAD NO SUGGESTION FOR A CHAIRMAN BUT SAID HE WAS AWARE OF AUSTRALIA'S PREFERENCE FOR SOME NEUTRAL, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CIVIL SERVANT. HE WONDERED WHETHER SUCH A PERSON COULD BE FOUND WHO WOULD BE KNOWLEDGABLE AND SKILLED IN MEATE MATTERS, POINT
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ING UP THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AVAILABILITY OF WELL KNOWN EXPERTS IN GRAINS AND THE LACK THEROF IN MEATS.

8. THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER COUNSLEOR WAS WELL INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE CONCERNING THE SUBJECT MEETING. CONTRARY TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, HE PERSONALLY LEANS TOWARD GENEVA AS A SITE BUT THINKS BRUSSELS IS ALSO POSSIBLE. HE BELIEVES THE EC COMMISSION WOULD OBJECT, HOWEVER, TO BRUSSELS. HE SAID THAT CANADA HAD SUGGESTED EITHER LONDON OR CANBERRA.

9. REGARDING A CHAIRMAN, HE SUGGESTED JOHN CRAWFORD OR JULIUS KATZ AS POSSIBILITIES, OR SOME OTHER "NEUTRAL".

10. HIS CONCEPT OF AN AGENDA WAS THE SAME AS FRANKLINS, AND HE APPARENTLY WAS NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT IN ANY MORE DETAIL ON OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING OR ANY RECOMMENDATION THAT MIGHT BE MADE, EXCEPT THAT HE THOUGHT THE IDEA OF SOME INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR BEEF SHOULD BE EXPLORED.

11. WE EMPHASIZED TO FRANKLIN AND DONOVAN THAT OUR PREFERENCE FOR TIMING IS AS LATE IN OCTOBER AS POSSIBLE, AS PER GOODMAN/MONTELECOM. NEITHER SAW ANY DIFFICULTY WITH THAT TIMING.

12. WOULD THE DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO OTHER POSTS IT THINKS SHOULD BE INFORMED. GREENWALD

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